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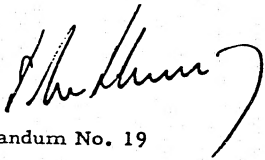
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. BUNDY

I notice Senator Smathers has suggested our cutting the importations of tobacco, vegetables, fruits, etc. from Cuba to the United States. This involves about 70 million dollars. What is George Ball's judgment of this? Would it save us valuable dollars in gold reserves? Would it make things more difficult for Castro? Would it be in the public interest?



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